

REMARKS

A statement that the present application is the National Stage of International Application No. PCT/EP2003/008867 has been added immediately after the TITLE.

Claim 2 has been amended to recite "comprising reacting" and to insert a Markush group to conform with U.S. practice. These amendments do not change the scope of the claim in any way.

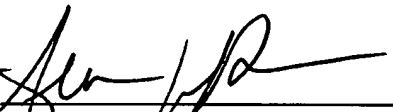
Claims 4-6, 8-9, and 11 have been amended to remove multiple dependencies to conform with U.S. practice and to minimize filing fees.

Claims 12-20 have been added to present subject matter previously claimed in multiple dependent form. Support for these claims is found in the specification at, for example, page 1, lines 3-8; page 2, lines 1-25; page 3, line 29 - page 5, line 15; in Examples 1-5; and in Original claims 1, 4, 5, 6, and 10. See, *In re Gardner*, 177 USPQ 396, 397 (CCPA 1973) and MPEP §§ 608.01(o) and (I).

It is submitted that no new matter has been introduced by the foregoing amendments. Approval and entry of the amendments is respectfully solicited.

Favorable action on the merits including entry of the Preliminary Amendment prior to examination on the merits and allowance of all the claims, respectfully, is requested. If the Examiner has any questions regarding this paper, please contact the undersigned attorney.

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